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**DIGEST**

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-17.2.

**Synopsis:** Committee on child care. Requires the division of family resources to establish child care advisory committees. Reestablishes the committee on child care with different membership and additional considerations for the committee's program of study.

**Effective:** July 1, 2007.



A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 12-17.2-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]:

**Chapter 2.5. Child Care Advisory Committees**

**Sec. 1. The division shall establish a child care advisory committee for each of the following categories of child care:**

- (1) Child care homes.**
- (2) Child care centers.**
- (3) Child care ministries.**

**Sec. 2. The purpose of each committee is to provide to the division information, advice, and assistance concerning implementation of child care regulations.**

**Sec. 3. Each committee shall consist of members appointed:**

- (1) by the director or the director's designee; and**
- (2) to provide diversity in representing the types of child care that comprise the committee's category specified in section 1 of this chapter, including size, licensure status, accreditation status, and geographic location in Indiana.**

**Sec. 4. Meetings of each committee must be held on a quarterly basis.**

**Sec. 5. The child care administrator of the division and representatives of the division shall attend the meetings of each committee.**

**Sec. 6. Each committee shall annually report to the committee on child care established by IC 12-17.2-3.3-2 concerning the committee's activities during the previous year.**

**Sec. 7. Members of each committee shall serve without compensation.**

SECTION 2. IC 12-17.2-3.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]:



**Chapter 3.3. Committee on Child Care**

**Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the committee on child care established by section 2 of this chapter.

**Sec. 2. (a)** The committee on child care is established.

**(b)** The committee consists of the following voting members:

**(1)** Two (2) members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. Members appointed under this subdivision may not be members of the same political party.

**(2)** Two (2) members of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. Members appointed under this subdivision may not be members of the same political party.

**(3)** The director of the division of family resources or the director's designee.

**(4)** The commissioner of the department of workforce development or the commissioner's designee.

**(5)** The secretary of commerce appointed under IC 5-28-3-4 or the secretary's designee.

**(6)** The state fire marshal or the state fire marshal's designee.

**(7)** The state superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee.

**(8)** The commissioner of the state department of health or the commissioner's designee.

**(9)** One (1) representative of a private business that employs less than fifty (50) employees, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

**(10)** One (1) representative of a private business that employs more than one hundred (100) employees, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

**(11)** One (1) individual who is a child care advocate and who does not operate or administer a child care program, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

**(c)** The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint a member described in subsection (b)(2) as chairperson of the committee in even-numbered years.

**(d)** The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a member described in subsection (b)(1) as chairperson of the committee in odd-numbered years.

**Sec. 3.** The committee shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council. However, the committee shall meet throughout the year at the call of the chairperson, except when the general assembly is in session.

**Sec. 4.** The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take action on any measure, including final reports.

**Sec. 5. (a)** The committee shall:



(1) study the system of child care regulation; and  
 (2) report and make recommendations concerning the system of child care regulation to the legislative council not later than October 31 of each year.

(b) The committee's recommendations under subsection (a) must further the following child care regulation purposes:

(1) To provide support for families in need of reliable, high quality child care.

(2) To encourage and support high quality child care providers.

(3) To allow for a variety of methods of child care provision and allow each family to determine the method preferred for the family's children.

(4) To promote access to available and affordable child care by parents.

(5) To encourage the state to access all available federal funds for child care.

(c) The committee's program of study must include consideration of the following:

(1) The effect of child care and child care regulation on families.

(2) Encouragement of high quality child care.

(3) Issues related to the child care workforce, including job satisfaction, compensation, and turnover.

(3) A review of child care models.

(4) Ensuring the safety of children.

(5) Any need for reorganization and refocusing of governmental agencies responsible for regulation of child care.

(6) Parental rights.

